

## Message Text

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FOR ATHERTON FROM PICKERING

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA, OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR), PGOV, JO, US, XF  
SUBJECT: ATHERTON VISIT TO AMMAN

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR VISIT HERE AND FOLLOWING UP CONSIDERATIONS REFTEL, I WOULD, IF YOU AGREE, LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH A SCHEDULE. PLEASE REPLY NIACT IMMEDIATE AS EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ARE NOT OPEN FULL TIME ON THURSDAY - FRIDAY LOCAL WEEKEND.
2. APPOINTMENTS WITH JORDANIANS: I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD SEE CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND PAY A COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER, OR AT LEAST OFFER TO DO SO. THIS COULD BE ANYTIME AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL IN AMMAN AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27. HASSAN YOU COULD PUT IN THE PICTURE TO THE EXTENT YOU WISHED ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE AREA SINCE THE END OF HIS WASHINGTON VISIT ON JANUARY 28. THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BE GIVEN A BRIEFER EXPLANATION OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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3. ON MONDAY EVENING, ALICE AND I WOULD LIKE TO PLAN A SMALL DINNER FOR THE MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY AND IMPORTANT JORDANIANS. I WOULD PROPOSE TO INVITE CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND PRINCESS SARVATH, PRIME MINISTER AND MRS BADRAN, COURT MINISTER AND MRS KHAMMASH, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND MRS ADNAN ABU ODEH AND MINISTER OF STATE AND MRS HASSAN IBRAHIM. IF SHARAF IS BACK WE WOULD SET UP A CALL AND INVITE

HIM TO DINNER. IF GENERAL BIN SHAKER IS BACK WE WOULD  
INVITE TO DINNER. SUDDARTH FROM EMBASSY WILL ALSO ATTEND.  
DICK MURPHY ALSO INVITED IF HE COMES TO AMMAN.

4. I WOULD LIKE SOME TIME FOR A TALK WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF  
AND WE COULD SANDWICH THAT IN MONDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN  
APPOINTEMENTS.

5. WE WILL SCHEDULE NOTHING ON TUESDAY MORNING THE 28TH  
PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE FOR RIYADH.

6. GRATEFUL FOR WORD FROM YOU SOONEST THAT THIS LOOKS OK  
AS WE ARE PRESSED FOR TIME IN WORKING OUT SOME OF DETAILS  
OF THE ABOVE.  
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